

The Romulus News

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"the little paper"

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Timely Tidbits ...

Parent Volunteers Sought for School Budget Development

Superintendent Carl J. Weiss is asking parents who would like to be part of the Romulus Community Schools' 2007–2008 budget development process to call executive secretary Carole Bales at 734-532-1610.

A meeting to begin the process will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 13, at the district's administrative office (36540 Grant Road).

Shaft Hosts Patient Appreciation Day

A Patient Appreciation Day hosted by Dr. Jeremiah Shaft of True Health Chiropractic (9340 Wayne Road, Suite 100, Romulus) will also benefit the hungry.

Both current and prospective patients who make an appointment for Wednesday, November 8, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., will receive complimentary services and refreshments in return for a donation of two nonperishable food items.

For more information, please call 734-941-2211. □

Arts & Crafts Class

Ages 3 to adult can take part in this one-day "fall theme" class, which will be offered at the Romulus Recreation Building (11189 Shook Road) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 18. (Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.)

Cost is \$5 (cash only), to be paid upon arrival. No preregistration is required.

"Operation: Phone Home" Cards Wanted

The Romulus Post Office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) is now collecting prepaid phone cards to send to wounded American soldiers who have been hospitalized far away from loved ones. To find out more about making your donation in time for the holidays, call 734-941-3439. □

Metro Airport Opens Cell Phone Waiting Lane

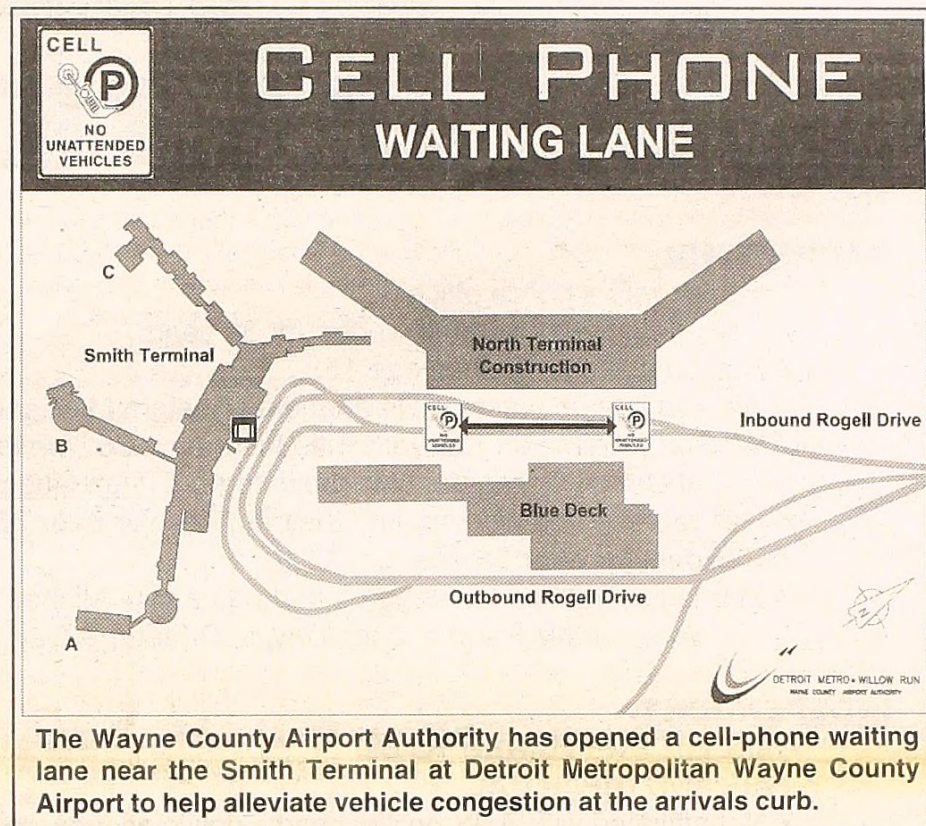
The Wayne County Airport Authority has opened a cell-phone waiting lane near the Smith Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) to help alleviate vehicle congestion at the arrivals curb.

"Airport management has always said that curb fronts are for active loading and unloading only, but many people drive up to the curb to wait for arriving passengers who are not ready at the curb," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "These lingering vehicles create traffic congestion and cause security concerns. Airport Police have no choice but to direct them away from the curb."

The cell-phone waiting lane helps to resolve that problem. Once an arriving passenger is at the curb with their luggage, they can contact their ride on their cell phone and be picked up within a minute.

The cell-phone waiting lane is located on inbound Rogell across from the north terminal construction site (see illustration at right). To find it, follow the signs to Smith Terminal arrivals. Just past the point where the departures-level (upper-level) lane veers off to the right, you will see the lane on the right, designated by a wide white stripe and cell-phone signs. There is enough space to comfortably accommodate at least 30 vehicles.

"We still recommend that the best way to pick up an arriving passenger is to park in short-term parking and meet



your party at the bag claim device," said Robinson. "Then you can help them with their luggage to the parking spot or curb."

The cell-phone waiting lane is in an area which causes no security concerns, according to Robinson; however, motorists *must* remain with their vehicles. Unattended vehicles may be ticketed and towed.

"The objective of establishing this

lane is to reduce curb-front and roadway congestion caused by vehicles circling repeatedly when the arriving party is later than expected," said Robinson. "We are currently exploring property on the south end of the airport for a more convenient waiting area for the McNamara Terminal."

Approximately three dozen US airports offer some sort of cell-phone waiting area. □

New Energy Program To Save District Money

The Romulus Board of Education approved a new comprehensive energy program designed to save the district a significant amount of money per year in natural gas and electricity costs, according to spokesperson Dick Kruse.

"The district has contracted with the Wichita Falls, Texas firm of Energy Education, Inc., to provide energy conservation training to school personnel," he said. "The terms of the agreement stipulate that the district will save more money on energy conservation than the fee. If this does not happen, Energy Education will make the district whole and pay the difference."

Charles Kidwell, a retired teacher who has received extensive training from Energy Education, has been hired as the district's energy manager, and will

work with building personnel on the energy program. Kidwell has also been working closely with Business and Operations director Sherri Papazoglou and Maintenance and Operations director Don Morris to establish baseline energy costs from last year's natural gas and electricity bills. This information on BTU and kilowatt usage will serve as a reference for comparison this year.

During a recent staff meeting, Kidwell talked with administrators about how he would initiate the program.

"The energy savings program would not inconvenience teachers or students," he stated. "We will turn down the thermostat in buildings after school activities cease, and turn them back up in time for the next day. This will require me to visit buildings in the daytime, evening, and

early-morning hours so that we can determine the rate at which the buildings cool and the amount of time it takes to reheat them."

And, because the buildings have different heating/cooling zones, personnel will be able to adjust temperatures within areas of a building as needed.

The energy program will further provide for the repair of any HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air conditioning) control devices that aren't functioning properly.

According to superintendent Carl J. Weiss, the district initiated energy program discussions last spring.

"We finalized the agreement in the summer, and are now ready to implement the program for both the fall/winter heating and spring/summer air-conditioning seasons," he said. □

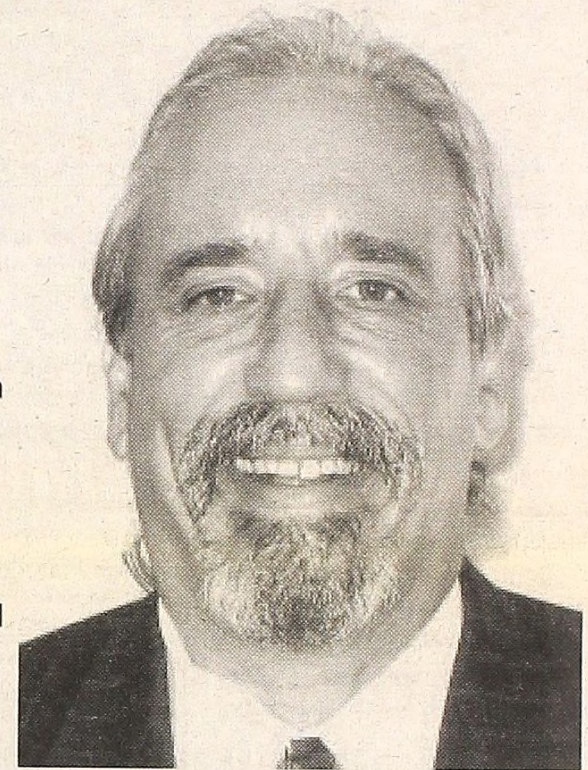
ON NOVEMBER 7TH

THERE IS NO COMPARISON

DiPIETRO FOR JUDGE

BACKGROUND

- ✓ Father was a police officer.
- ✓ Grandfather was an auto worker for 30 years.
- ✓ Has been working since age 15.
- ✓ Worked in auto plants while attending Eastern Michigan and U of M-Dearborn.
- ✓ Worked full-time for Lawyer's Title Insurance Co., while attending night school at Detroit College of Law (Law degree, cum laude 1973).
- ✓ Has represented workers and their families **for over 33 years**.
- ✓ Resident for **over 36 years**.
- ✓ Married to Patricia for 39 years and has a son, Michael, who practices law with Tom and his Partner, John Day, at DiPietro & Day, P.C.

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- ✓ Has represented people at **all levels of State and Federal Court in Michigan**, including the Supreme Court of Michigan and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- ✓ Served as Municipal Prosecuting Attorney.
- ✓ Small business owner for **over 22 years**.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ✓ Member Chambers of Commerce of Huron, Belleville and Romulus and Belleville Moose Lodge, Van Buren Seniors (Volunteer Worker for Meals on Wheels, Income Tax Preparation) World Conservation Force, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

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The Editor's Opinion

"YES" Vote Urged on Proposal 5

by Kristi Stephens

In the last issue of "the little paper," I thanked the educators and citizens of Romulus for rallying to support our local school district. Now, I'd like to go one step further, and ask those same people to support education on a statewide level.

On November 7, your "yes" vote on Proposal 5 will guarantee that funding for school districts throughout Michigan will keep up with the rate of inflation – and that's essential if our districts are to continue to offer quality programs.

Ask anyone who has a fixed income how difficult it is to make ends meet when prices go up. Sooner or later, you start making sacrifices. At first, those sacrifices may involve no more than little luxuries – going out to eat, perhaps, or spending an afternoon at the movies. But it may not be long before your choices become much more difficult: Medicine or food? Utilities or transportation?

Here in Romulus, our financially strapped school district has begun to face similar choices. Earlier this year, administrators and board members managed to weed out \$3.1 million in costs without making crippling cuts in

personnel or services. District teachers helped by making significant concessions, including the acceptance of a pay freeze for the current school year.

But, just like you or me, our district has to pay its bills. To expect it to meet today's rising costs without an increase in funding is naive, to say the least. Passing Proposal 5 would mean an additional \$1 million or more for Romulus schools ... and Romulus children.

Even if you're not the parent of a public-school student, this proposal deserves your support. Success in today's global economy depends upon an educated workforce, and Michigan will *never* attract the potential business development that it needs to turn around its unemployment rate and its economy if it falls behind in this crucial area.

In one way or another, *everyone* will be affected.

Yes, the passage of Proposal A will have a significant impact on our state's overall budget and programs. But, this is about priorities.

We think that children should be at the top of the list, along with jobs and the economy. □

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SYMPTOMS: SWELLING OR ENLARGEMENT - OF THE EGO.
POOR MEMORY - PARTICULARLY AFTER ELECTIONS.
INCREASED APPETITE - FOR ANOTHER TERM OF OFFICE.
HYPERSENSITIVITY - TO BEING CHALLENGED.
IRRITABILITY - USUALLY CAUSED BY DENIAL OF
ENDORSEMENT OR SIGN LOCATION.
PERSONALITY CHANGE - JUST BEFORE ELECTIONS.
PREFERS COMPANY OF OTHER INCUMBENTS - FOR
SUPPORT AND COMFORT.
NIGHTMARES - CAUSED BY THOUGHTS OF JOB HUNTING.
ABILITY TO SUDDENLY CHANGE POLITICAL PARTY
AFFILIATIONS - USUALLY OCCURS DURING
ELECTION YEARS.
EXTREMELY FEARFUL - OF INDEPENDENT VOTERS.

TREATMENT: STUDY THE CANDIDATES. BE CERTAIN YOUR VOTE IS FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT INFECTED WITH THIS CONDITION.

CURE:



VOTE for CHANGE
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Boosters Say Thanks

To the Editor:

The Romulus Band Boosters would like to thank the following businesses/groups for their generous, ongoing support of the Romulus Community Schools band program.

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- Mr. Stor-It
- Rent This Tent
- Romulus Police Department
- Romulus Fire Department
- Doubletree Hotel
- Jet's Pizza

Together, we will continue to help keep the music alive!

Sincerely,

Rob McLachlan, spokesperson
Romulus Band Boosters

Gas Contract Too Costly

To the Editor:

Can the City of Romulus get out of its natural gas contract with Lakeshore Energy through Davco & Associates? At the Romulus City Council meeting of January 23, 2006, Davco came before the Council to get its approval of a natural gas contract with the City. Davco already had a contract with the City for electricity. Dennis Davidson, president of Davco & Associates, and a partner, Jerry Kittle, are friends of Mayor Alan Lambert.

Although the contract should have gone out for bids (according to both Councilman Harry Crout and the Romulus City Charter, which states that any purchase over a certain amount must be bid upon), Council voted to give Davco a contract for three years, eight months, at \$1.095 per cubic foot. It was asked if Davco & Associates had the

lowest price, and Lynn Conway, the City's purchasing coordinator, said that there was a lower price. It was stated that the Council needed to act that night to get the price locked in at \$1.095/cu.ft.

Now, the City is paying \$1.095/cu.ft., yet the current natural gas rate for businesses is only \$.75/cu.ft. through DTE Energy. The reason that natural gas prices were at an all-time high last year was due to refineries being damaged by hurricanes. Now, the news media are saying that natural gas prices should be coming down due to the high volume of natural gas currently available. (In fact, the oil companies may have to cap some wells, as storage tanks are full.) Instead of saving us approximately \$18,000, this contract will cost us over \$18,000.

I think the reason this contract didn't go out for bid is that the mayor wanted to make sure his friends received it. When Mayor Lambert is not taking care of himself, he takes good care of his friends, and gives the bill to the taxpayers.

The City Council was elected by the people of Romulus to work for the people and to serve the people. They're not supposed to work for City Hall. When they hear something wrong, they should vote "no."

John M. Clark
Romulus

Clark's Letters "Drivel"

To the Editor:

When I read, in the local tabloids, John Clark's complaints about our mayor, City employees, and the speed with which projects proceed, I wonder what motivates the man to write such drivel. Then, when I see his performance at Council meetings, I am further mystified.

It is apparent that John Clark enjoys the limelight; he revels in the attention he garners. He clearly hopes for confrontations and tries to provoke them, but why? Maybe he really wants a better town; if so, how about a few suggestions as to how to solve the problems? I would hope that anyone so perceptive would have some solutions to offer, but that appears to be a vain hope. Almost anyone can find fault, but few have solutions.

Could this stem from the daily conferences, while seated in his garage, with Councilman Harry Crout? Does he read over the council packet and aid Mr. Crout with understanding the contents? If so, Councilman Crout does not seem to be getting well enough schooled by Mr. Clark; perhaps a course in elementary reading and writing would be helpful to Mr. Crout.

Stacy Brugh
Romulus citizen and taxpayer □

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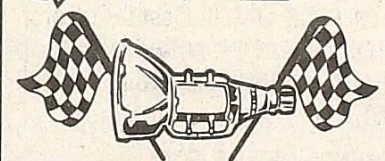
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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, October 9, through Sunday, October 29.

(Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, October 9

- 6:42 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 7:42 a.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 34600 Julie)
- 12:20 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 2:21 p.m. – Threats (block of 7120 Cambridge Dr.)
- 2:22 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 29400 Pennsylvania)
- 2:25 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9950 Wayne)
- 2:57 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:05 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:34 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:13 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28300 Heather Way)
- 4:50 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28300 Beverly)
- 5:22 p.m. – OUIL (block of 12100 Huron River Dr.)
- 5:36 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28600 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 5:51 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28600 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 7:10 p.m. – Larceny (block of 13300 Cogswell)

Tuesday, October 10

- 12:47 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:37 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28700 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 9:01 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28300 Heather Way)
- 10:47 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 16800 Heather Way)
- 11:01 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:39 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) (block of 15600 Isabelle)
- 1:02 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:53 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:21 p.m. – UDAA (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 7:24 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)

- 9:41 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15800 Aspen Ln.)
- 10:11 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34600 Julie)
- 11:16 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 9270 Chamberlain)

Wednesday, October 11

- 1:12 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 9:17 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28500 Van Born)
- 10:16 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 1:22 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 29300 Van Born)
- 1:30 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 29000 Cullen Dr.)
- 4:12 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 38000 Walnut)
- 5:34 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 7:45 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 10100 Miriam)
- 7:50 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8030 Merriman)
- 7:56 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:09 p.m. – Threats (block of 33900 Pine Wood Cir.)

Thursday, October 12

- 12:01 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:23 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 8:47 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 6390 Middlebelt)
- 11:35 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9790 Lisa)
- 1:10 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28700 Northline)
- 1:45 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 3:50 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 14400 Cogswell)
- 6:37 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9790 Lisa)

- 8:36 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 39000 Superior)
- 11:33 p.m. – Threats (block of 15400 Orchard)

Friday, October 13

- 5:32 a.m. – UDAA (block of 30300 Ecorse)
- 9:02 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9750 Michael)
- 10:25 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15600 Meadow)
- 10:52 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 11800 Wayne)
- 1:15 p.m. – UDAA (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 3:29 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 4:53 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Springhill)
- 4:57 p.m. – OUIL (block of 8910 Middlebelt)
- 7:54 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6310 Second)
- 8:17 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 9:01 p.m. – K-9 Assistance (block of 1130 Inkster)

- 9:36 p.m. – Pursuit (block of 29500 Van Born)
- 10:11 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:38 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 37300 Wick)

Saturday, October 14

- 12:20 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 5870 Metro)
- 12:57 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 10800 Inkster)
- 1:34 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 16300 Harrison)
- 5:25 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6220 Middlebelt)
- 8:35 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11000 Elmview)
- 10:08 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 37400 Heroux)
- 11:27 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:06 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6140 Hyde Park)
- 3:11 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 5960 Frederic)
- 4:24 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15500 Anthony)

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- 6:22 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15900 Taft)
- 7:10 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 35300 Van Born)
- 9:43 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 39400 Wabash)
- 11:32 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 32000 Bruce)

Sunday, October 15

- 12:37 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 29400 Eureka)
- 2:09 a.m. – Fight
(block of 27700 Eureka)
- 4:40 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:01 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:25 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6140 Hyde Park)
- 10:44 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 5900 Frederic)
- 10:50 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15400 Anthony)
- 2:13 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 34300 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 3:24 p.m. – Fight
(block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 4:37 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 7170 Ozga)
- 6:15 p.m. – Overdose
(block of 38700 Barth)
- 7:00 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 7780 Merriman)

- 7:11 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 8510 Wahrman)
- 8:58 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 9:19 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 11100 Wayne)
- 9:24 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 11:22 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15300 Harrison)

Monday, October 16

- 7:36 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6000 Carnegie)
- 9:23 a.m. – Harassment
Complaint
(block of 8030 Merriman)
- 1:21 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 10100 Miriam)
- 2:07 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 29200 Leroy)
- 2:21 p.m. – Fight
(block of 9770 Wayne)
- 3:36 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 9050 Whitehorn)
- 5:32 p.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 9500 Biddle)
- 6:17 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28300 Leroy)
- 8:46 p.m. – Man Down
(block of 38400 Ecorse)
- 9:12 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 30500 Redwood)
- 10:07 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15300 Harrison)

Tuesday, October 17

- 12:11 a.m. – Threats
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:31 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15300 Meadow)
- 3:06 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 10500 Wayne)
- 3:14 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 10500 Wayne)
- 3:33 a.m. – Robbery Alarm
(block of 35700 Surrey Ct.)
- 4:19 a.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular
(block of 28100 Leroy)
- 4:23 a.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 9080 Gabriel)
- 7:09 a.m. – Robbery Alarm
(block of 35700 Surrey Ct.)
- 8:35 a.m. – Threats
(block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 10:39 a.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 30700 Eureka)
- 12:44 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6240 Central)
- 8:58 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 7000 Canyon)
- 9:54 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 30600 Redwood)

Wednesday, October 18

- 2:27 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 7520 Cogswell)
- 3:58 p.m. – Larceny
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:37 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 9400 Barry)

- 7:01 p.m. – Threats
(block of 10500 Inkster)
- 7:23 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6760 Merriman)
- 7:24 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 38100 Jay Kay Dr.)
- 8:10 p.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 16200 Cedar Way)
- 8:36 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 10:35 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15300 Meadow)

Thursday, October 19

- 6:54 a.m. – Threats
(block of 5980 Inkster)
- 9:08 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6170 E. Alexander)
- 12:29 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 28800 Highland)
- 3:56 p.m. – K-9 Assistance
(RPD headquarters)
- 4:29 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 30300 Spain)
- 4:51 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 7070 Middlebelt)
- 5:11 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6310 Central)
- 7:12 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 7050 Niagara)
- 8:54 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 7020 Niagara)
- 9:40 p.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 32800 E. I-94)

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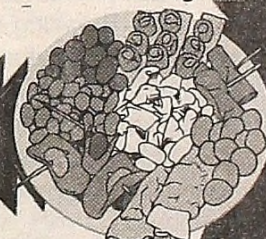
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Other Merriman parents who took part in the workshop included: (from left) front – Cynthia Knight, Dawn Ray, and Lori Freeman; back – Moni Gibson, Disiree Hawes, Johnny Spoljaric, Lei-Lonnie Watson, Inger Vaughn, and Natasha Hugley.



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Friday, October 20

- 11:34 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 3:33 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7090 Wayne)
- 10:09 p.m. – Fight (block of 11200 Whitehorn)
- 11:40 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 8300 Wahrman)

Saturday, October 21

- 2:06 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15400 Brandt)
- 8:01 a.m. – Larceny (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 8:29 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 30400 Pennsylvania)
- 11:21 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 12:58 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 38700 Wyoming)
- 6:01 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 7:47 p.m. – Trespassing (block 30500 Dru)
- 11:51 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35700 Surrey Ct.)

Sunday, October 22

- 12:10 a.m. – Fight (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 1:31 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Wayne)
- 2:31 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5920 Biddle)
- 2:31 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7370 Burton)
- 2:52 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 3:26 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 28600 N. Maple)
- 10:12 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27600 Pennsylvania)
- 10:17 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9990 Diane)
- 12:06 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28700 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 1:15 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28700 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 1:35 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30500 Dru)
- 7:16 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8450 Merriman)

- 7:17 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 7:31 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 15600 Harrison)
- 8:30 p.m. – Overdose (block of 37200 Eureka)
- 8:37 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9460 Lisa)
- 10:57 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 30400 Cherry)

Monday, October 23

- 12:26 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9420 Essex)
- 10:10 a.m. – Assault & Battery (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:02 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6000 E. Maple)
- 11:20 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:51 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16700 Braeburn Dr.)
- 3:11 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6360 Heyer)
- 5:01 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5860 Panam)
- 7:12 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 30200 Spain Ct.)
- 7:23 p.m. – Liquor Law Violation (block of 36400 Goddard)
- 8:13 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6400 Merriman)
- 10:33 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 39100 Buckingham Dr.)

Tuesday, October 24

- 12:47 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35800 Park Plc.)
- 3:22 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6230 Cordell)
- 6:59 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9360 Terry)
- 7:59 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35400 Smith)
- 8:21 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6810 Metroplex)
- 9:02 a.m. – Larceny (block of 38800 Valley View Dr.)
- 9:41 a.m. – Larceny (block of 16500 Hannan Rd.)
- 11:59 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 1:07 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 31200 Ecorse)

- 2:04 p.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:48 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15100 Brandt)
- 4:50 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 5:28 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 5:30 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35800 Park Plc.)
- 7:47 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 7150 Merriman)
- 8:21 p.m. – JC/R (block of 36100 Bibbins)
- 8:23 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 6700 Rio Grande)

Wednesday, October 25

- 12:31 a.m. – Vagrant (block of 8450 Merriman)
- 12:41 a.m. – Vagrant (block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 7:16 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28200 Ecorse)
- 9:52 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 6830 Metroplex)
- 11:40 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:19 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6990 Cogswell)
- 4:21 p.m. – Pursuit (block of 31700 Beverly)
- 4:40 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6400 Merriman)
- 5:20 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 6110 Loraine)
- 5:48 p.m. – Threats (block of 28000 Willowtree)
- 8:08 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 9:06 p.m. – Liquor Law Violation (block of 13200 Middlebelt)

Thursday, October 26

- 3:00 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 4:44 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 9:49 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 11:02 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 11:19 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 13400 Cogswell)
- 12:16 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 28400 Highland)
- 2:49 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27500 Goddard)
- 3:44 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 3:49 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 3:54 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 35600 Smith)
- 4:22 p.m. – Bad Checks (block of 39000 Clocktower Dr.)
- 4:47 p.m. – Bad Checks (block of 38600 Rodeo)

Friday, October 27

- 12:59 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9850 Middlebelt)
- 1:05 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9270 Middlebelt)

- 2:00 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 6990 Carson)
- 10:28 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16400 Taft)
- 10:29 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28800 Highland)
- 10:47 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 29100 Wick)
- 11:49 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 36100 Goddard)
- 12:06 p.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:14 p.m. – JC/R (block of 5930 Colorado)
- 2:06 p.m. – Threats (block of 35700 Smith)
- 2:33 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9330 Lisa)
- 4:02 p.m. – Threats (block of 34900 Michele)
- 5:42 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 15800 Merriman)
- 7:08 p.m. – Threats (block of 8210 Merriman)
- 10:07 p.m. – OUIL (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 10:17 p.m. – UDAA (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 11:22 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 15100 Brandt)
- 11:37 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30500 Cherry)

Saturday, October 28

- 12:11 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 12:23 a.m. – Fight (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 1:37 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 14200 Five M. Center Dr.)
- 2:16 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 30400 Teak Ln.)
- 10:56 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Ecorse)
- 11:15 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 16400 Ironstone)
- 12:13 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7070 Niagara)
- 2:12 p.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 6310 Fourth)
- 7:05 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6940 Homefield)
- 9:15 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 5840 Fourth)

Sunday, October 29

- 12:11 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 28400 Eureka)
- 9:37 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 35200 Michele)
- 10:18 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 35200 Wick)
- 1:18 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 35200 Wick)
- 1:53 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 28700 Forestdale)
- 2:17 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 5:14 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 38900 Cody)
- 10:09 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35300 Eureka) □

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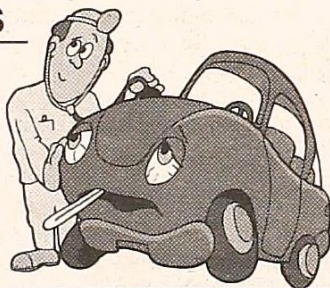
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Board of Education Hears Report on Special Programs



Making recent presentations before the Romulus Board of Education were: (from left) Joan Martin (parent), Jill Covell (director, Romulus Boys & Girls Club), Tom Plum (director, Title I after-school tutoring), Teneisha and Paul Podczervinski (parents), Ashley Podczervinski (student), and Lauren Kazee (director, Romulus Adolescent Health Center).

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education recently heard presentations about the activities of three of the district's special programs: the Title I after-school tutorial program, the Boys & Girls Club of Romulus, and the Romulus Adolescent Health Center.

Boys & Girls Club

Romulus Boys & Girls Club director Jill Covell reported that club sites at Merriman and Wick elementary schools boast 640 members overall, and serve more than 250 students daily. She was accompanied by several parents, who also spoke to Board members about their experiences with the club.

One parent, Joan Martin, praised the club for its "outstanding service to the community and parents" in "providing a safe, supervised place for children after school."

Parent Paul Podczervinski thanked the club for helping him when he was a single parent with a difficult work schedule.

"The \$30 fee provided my daughter Ashley with a great place to stay until I could come and get her," said Podczervinski. "You just don't know how much I

appreciate the help that the Boys & Girls Club gave me."

Title I After-school Tutorial Program

Tom Plum, coordinator of the Title I after-school tutorial program, explained its workings to Board members.

"We combine our program with the Boys & Girls Club sites at Merriman and Wick to provide one-on-one tutoring for students," said Plum. "Our program is need based, and we do develop a waiting list," he added.

Students on the waiting list can join the CSR grant program that provides group computer instruction in math and reading until an opening for individual tutoring becomes available.

Plum also noted that program tutors have to have at least two years of college, and most are certified teachers.

Romulus Adolescent Health Center

RAHC director Lauren Kazee reported that the clinic, located in Romulus High School, continues to serve Romulus children between the ages of 10 and 20. It's open Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. □



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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 25, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Cheryl Buckley was absent (excused). Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/06/12 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by White, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/06/13 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2006. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

TEACHER RECALL: Christina LaForest, Second-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School, Effective September 13, 2006.

9/06/14 Moved by Frayer, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education accept the recall of Christina LaForest, Second-grade Teacher at Romulus Elementary School, as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI – RESIGNATION: Casey Smith, Kindergarten Aide, Wick Elementary School, Effective Date – September 20, 2006.

FYI – RECALL: Jerilyn Burcroff, Kindergarten Aide, Wick Elementary School, Effective Date – September 22, 2006.

FYI – LAYOFFS (Paraprofessional Union): Samuel Bonam, Special Education Classroom Paraprofessional, Halecreek Elementary School, Seniority Date – 05-14-01; and Treavor Rowton, Kindergarten Aide, Wick Elementary School, Seniority Date – 07-15-03.

Bills for Payment

9/06/15 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Frayer, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Ms. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentations

Ms. Jill Covell, Director, Boys & Girls Club, appeared before the Board of Education and gave an overview of programs located at Merriman Elementary School and Wick Elementary School. Parents pay \$30 annually for after-school programs. She stated that there are currently 640 children enrolled in the program, which helps working parents and provides a safe environment for students after school. Parents appeared, expressing their appreciation of the program.

Mr. Tom Plum, Director of After-school Tutoring, appeared before the Board of Education and gave an overview of projections for the 2006–2007 school year, with anticipation of 125 students receiving service and 230 requesting service. The Title I budget is \$105,629 (down from \$122,675 in 2005–2006). Student grades have shown improvement with the program.

Ms. Lauren Kazee, Director of the Romulus Adolescent Health Center, addressed the Board of Education with an update and overview of goals for the 2006–2007 school year. She indicated that a new part-time registered nurse would be starting work in the a.m. at the clinic. She further informed the Board that, since January 2006, the clinic has had 410 users and 823 visits. She also stated that there would be a new "Get Up and Go – 5K" obesity program to help students. Twenty-five students will be selected to participate. There will also be a Peer Education Program, and 10 students will be hired by Oakwood Hospital as peer educators. The clinic has participated in the Pumpkin Festival, Prom Toast, Freshman Orientation, and Open House.

Field Trip – Quebec

9/06/16 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education approve a Field Trip to Quebec over the February break for the Romulus High School French class at no cost to the district. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

President Celeste Roscoe opened "Communications and Expressions from the Public"

with a statement from the School Board in response to information requests from Mr. Robert McLachlan. It said:

"Over the past two months, the Board has responded to numerous requests for information from Mr. Rob McLachlan. Mr. McLachlan has requested detailed district financial information, including compensation that individual Board members have received for attending various district functions.

"Previously, in an effort to encourage participation, Board of Education members were advised that each member was to submit for compensation at the rate of \$50 per function for attending district activities and meetings. No limit was placed on the number of district functions that would be reimbursed, and the type of functions that qualified for reimbursement was never defined for Board members. In light of the limited financial resources currently available to the district, the Board of Education is taking the following steps in an effort to reduce current costs and provide future guidance.

"1. The Board passed a motion at the August 14 meeting that limited Board member compensation to no more than \$2,000 per year.

"2. The Board is forming an ad hoc committee to develop new, stricter criteria to identify district functions that are eligible for reimbursement.

"3. The Board has directed the Superintendent to contact professional school district policy development organizations for the purpose of revising current district policies and operating guidelines that will provide direction in all areas of district operations.

"Moving forward, the Board of Education is committed to working collaboratively with the district administrators toward the development of sound financial policies and procedures."

Mr. Robert McLachlan appeared before the Board of Education with "An Open Letter to the Romulus Community School District," addressing his concerns with Board Member Compensation.

Mrs. Sandra Kelly appeared before the Board of Education, concerned about training for the staff to handle a diabetic student at Merriman Elementary School. Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, indicated that the district was in the process of providing training, and would get back to Mrs. Kelly by the end of the week.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) The Merriman Star; 2) U of M School Board Course Schedule; 3) Candidates Forum – State Board of Education; 4) Romulus High School Newsletter; 5) Wick Elementary School Annual Report; and 6) Wick Elementary School Newsletter.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. April Frayer stated that she had attended the Middle School Open House, which was well organized by Principal Phyllis Adkins, Assistant Principal Rhonda Henry, and staff, and the Barth Elementary Open House, which was well organized by Principal Diane Golka and staff. Mrs. Frayer also reminded everyone that Homecoming was Friday, September 29, with the Parade starting at 5:00 p.m. and the game at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Niema White complimented the organizers of the Romulus Pumpkin Festival and the Parade of Lights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9/06/17 Moved by Frayer, supported by White, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

9/06/18 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by White, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:58 p.m.

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, stated that Mrs. Betty Lenossi would be the taxpayer representative for litigation pursuant to the Durant/Adair Class Action lawsuit.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/06/19 Moved by White, supported by Frayer, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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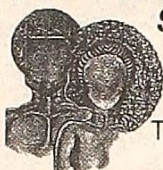
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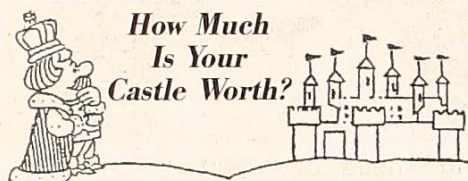
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School Sports

The Romulus High School soccer team, which finished the season with an overall 5–10–1 record, set an all-time program record for victories. Team members included: (from left) front – Derek Bennett, Steven Hicks (Honorable Mention), Alphonso Garcia, Steven Destrampe, Christopher Reyna (All-League), Idiakosa Igbinobaro (Honorable Mention), Michael Lovelady, Aaron Smith, and Michael Statham; back – Besar Neti, Brian Householder, James McGlynn (Honorable Mention), Zachary Toilolo, assistant coach Jaime Hockin, head coach Joel Hockin, Christopher Nieman, Joe Lewis (All-League), Travis Dockery, and Randy Kulhuein.



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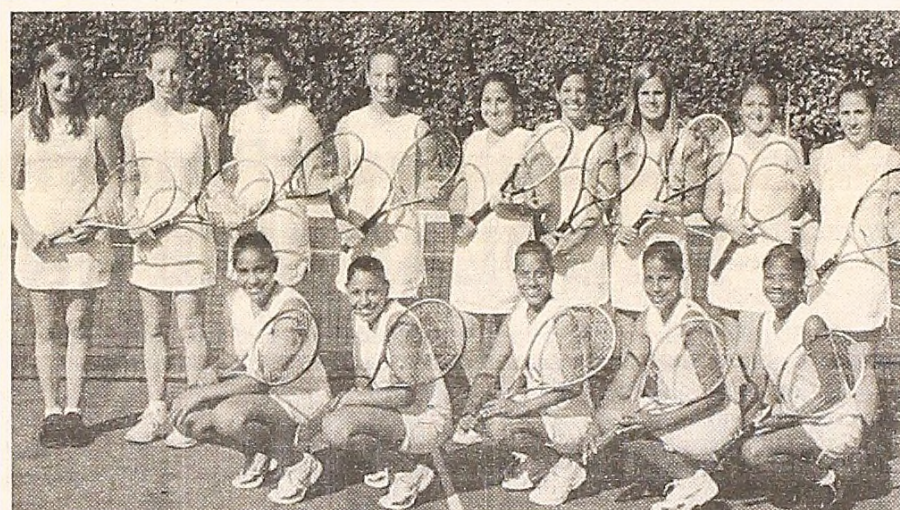
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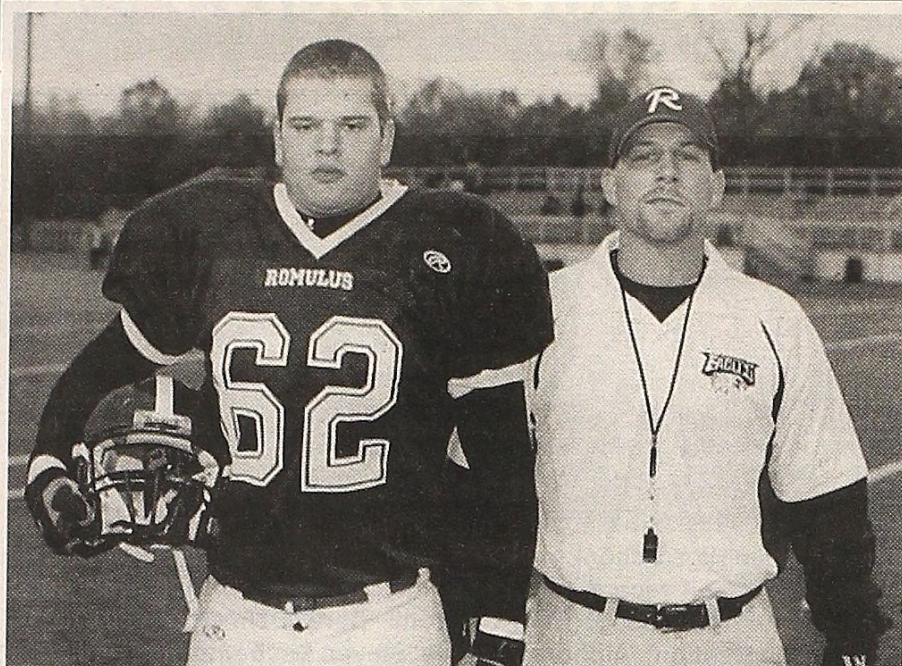


The Romulus High School varsity tennis team had a satisfactory season that featured third-place finishes at the Mega White Division and regional tournaments, and an overall 4–4–4 record. Team members included: (from left) front – Joya McNeal, Janeice McNeal, Jackie Logan, Jennifer Logan (regional finalist, #4 singles), and Tamika Mosley; back – Ashley Wagle, Jennifer Dick (All-League; regional finalist, #2 singles), Desiree Yates, Jessica Dick (All-League), Joy Jendritz (All-League), Rebecca Lewkowicz, Melissa DuFore, Megan Brooks, and Melissa Brewington.

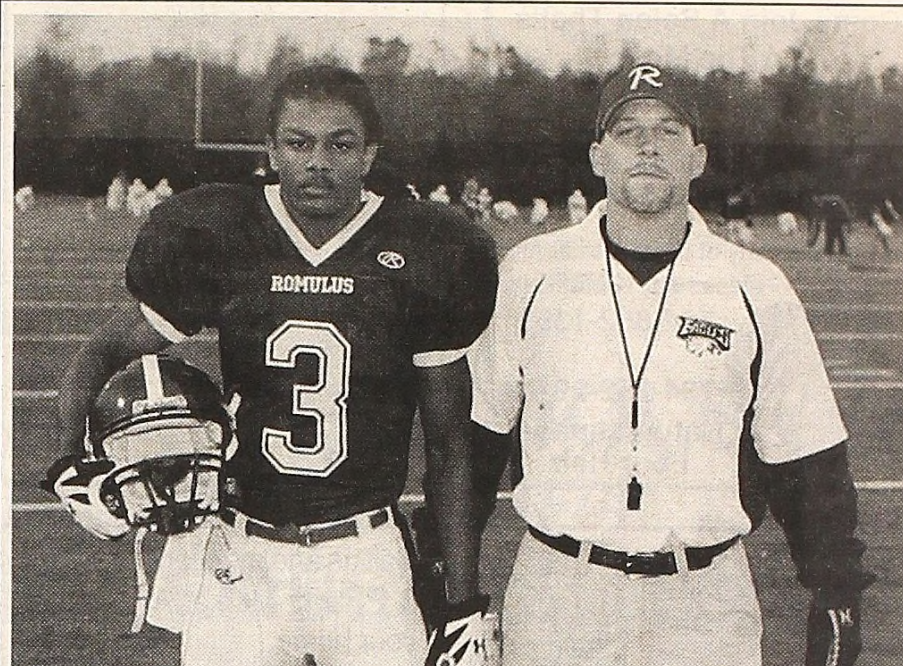


Team leaders for the Romulus Middle School Bulldogs football team, under head coach Thom Patterson (back, right), were: (from left) front – Alex Carter, Greg McCloud, Daijon Frazier, and Loren Adams; back – Robert Hayes, James Hollis, and Devon Jacquay.

RHS Football Stars Led Eagles To Respectable Season



Romulus High School senior lineman Joe Kiesznowski (left), who led the Eagles with 69 tackles, was selected to the All-Mega Blue team. Kiesznowski was one of several leaders who helped Romulus achieve a respectable third-place finish in the Mega Blue Division with a 4-2 record (5-4 overall).



Another RHS team leader, according to head coach Matt Ladach (right), was junior running back Mario Crawford (left), who scored 16 touchdowns, rushed for 1,103 yards, and averaged 10.5 yards per carry. Crawford was also an All-Mega Blue selection.

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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 9, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Cheryl Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Betty Lenossi was absent (excused). Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

10/06/1 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by White, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

10/06/2 Moved by White, supported by Frayer, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS:

10/06/3 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of teacher negotiations. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, White, and Roscoe. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

10/06/4 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, White, and Roscoe. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:41 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

REA-WC MEA/NEA Contract Ratification

10/06/5 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education ratify the settlement agreement, as presented, with the Romulus Education Association (REA-WC MEA/NEA) for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 school years. Ayes: 5 (Frayer, Buckley, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, White). Nays: 1 (Kuderik). Motion carried.

Personnel Actions

There were no personnel actions.

Bills for Payment

10/06/6 Moved by Buckley, supported by Frayer, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Open Three New Accounts at Comerica Bank

10/06/7 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education allow the Director of Business and Operations to open three (3) new bank accounts with Comerica Bank. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CSR Presentation

Ms. Shellie Moore, Principal, Merriman Elementary School, and Molly McGlynn, CSR Facilitator, Romulus Middle School, appeared before the Board of Education with an update of the CSR Grant, which provides technology service to the Middle School, Merriman Elementary, and Halecreek Elementary through state grants and funding.

Enrollment Update

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, updated the Board on district enrollment on Count Day (September 27, 2006), showing an unofficial grand total of FTEs at 4,341.10.

Field Trip – Middle School Social Studies

10/06/8 Moved by White, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board of Education approve a field trip to Gettysburg and Washington, DC for eighth-grade American history students at Romulus Middle School, as proposed by the teacher, at no cost to the district. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board Member Compensation – Revised Resolution

10/06/9 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, that – pursuant to Board Policy 7070 – the Board of Education will compensate each member for attendance at district activities up to a maximum amount of \$2,000 each year. This compensation is payable no more than monthly upon submission of the completed Board Member Compensation Form to the president of the Board of Education. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Cory Elementary School Newsletter; 2) Cory Elementary Annual Report; 3) The Merriman Star; 4) Congratulations – High School Homecoming; 5) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; 6) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 7) Barth Elementary News; and 8) Merriman Elementary School Annual Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Thomas Kuderik expressed appreciation to Cory Elementary School for their participation in the Homecoming Parade. Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, informed the Board that the issue regarding the Merriman Elementary student with diabetic needs has been resolved, and training has taken place. Career Services Unlimited is providing the service. Mrs. Niema White requested an update on "My Friends & Me" leadership and finances.

ADJOURNMENT:

10/06/10 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Buckley, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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Community Calendar

- **Holiday Arts & Crafts Show** - The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its eighth annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show in the cafeteria at Belleville High School (501 W. Columbia) on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spaces are still available; call 734-697-7151 for information.
- **Escanaba in da Moonlight** - The Saline Area Players will perform *Escanaba in da Moonlight* - a play written by Michigan's own Jeff Daniels - in the auditorium at Liberty School (formerly the middle school; located at 7265 Ann Arbor Street, Saline). Performance times are set for 8 p.m. on November 10-11 and November 17-18, and 2 p.m. on November 12. General admission tickets (\$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens and students through grade 12) are available by calling 734-439-8613, visiting the group's Web site at www.salineareaplayers.com, or stopping by the Saline Community Education office.
- **"Toys for Tots" Registration** - Romulus residents can register to receive gifts from the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program at Annapolis Park Church of Christ (corner of Annapolis & Henry Ruff roads, Westland) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, and Saturday, November 26. Applicants must bring picture ID, proof of address, and income verification. For more information on proper documentation, call 313-363-8917.
- **Weiss To Speak at Chamber Luncheon** - Romulus Community Schools superintendent Carl J. Weiss will be the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next luncheon, set for noon on Tuesday, November 21, at the Hilton Garden Inn (31800 Smith, Romulus). Tickets (\$15 for members; \$18 for nonmembers) must be purchased in advance. For more information, call the Chamber's new number: 734-893-0694.
- **Holiday Craft & Vendor Bazaar** - Romulus Little League will host its second annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Bazaar at the Romulus VFW Hall (39270 Huron River Drive) on Saturday, December 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other highlights of the event will include a raffle, bake sale, and hot-lunch items. Admission is free. (Note: crafter/vendor spaces are still available. For more information, call 734-331-4114.)
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** - Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club - open to everyone 18 and older - are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions are *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (December 11) and *Beneath the Ashes* by Sue Henry (January 8). For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.
- **Post Office Seeks Phone Cards for Wounded Soldiers** - The Romulus Post Office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) is inviting area residents to join their continuing efforts to send prepaid telephone cards to wounded American soldiers who are hospitalized far away from loved ones. Since hospitals like Walter Reed Army Medical Center don't offer patients long-distance phone privileges, soldiers must call family members/friends collect or use phone cards to stay in touch. Cards may be dropped off at the Post Office; cash donations of any amount are also welcome, and will be pooled to purchase additional cards. For more info, call 734-941-3439.
- **Romulus Head Start Still Accepting Registrations** - The Romulus Head Start program is still accepting registrations for the 2006-2007 school year. To register his/her child (age 3 or 4 as of December 1, 2006), a parent/guardian must provide the following information: parent's driver's license/State ID, Social Security cards for both the parent and the child, the child's birth certificate and immunization records, the child's health insurance card, the name and phone number of the child's doctor and dentist, and family income verification (W2, 1040, FIA breakdown, etc.). Registrations may be made at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday (except holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all the necessary forms. For more information, call 734-532-1903.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Rose Swidan, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for providing some of the information for this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, which is located at 36525 Bibbins, please call 734-955-4120.)

Stop in and Say Hello!

If you haven't already done so, be sure to stop in at the Romulus Senior Center and introduce yourself to new senior services director Carrie Elder, who has assumed the post previously held by recent retiree Linda Norman. Elder comes to us from Lincoln Park, where she worked with that community's elderly for more than a decade.

Flu Shots

Flu shots will be available at the Romulus Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on November 8. Shots are free for seniors with Medicare Part B; all others pay \$25 cash. Since supplies are limited, preregistration is required.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Romulus seniors will get a head start on Thanksgiving this year with a luncheon to be held at the Center on Friday, November 17. The event will feature a delicious meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, green-bean casserole, corn, dessert, and beverage, as well as a chance to win one of several lovely door prizes.

Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets early. Cost is just \$4 per person.



Carole "Carrie" Elder is the new director of senior services at the Romulus Senior Center.

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van, free of charge, for shopping at Wal-Mart and Farmer Jack (Monday, November 13, departing at 9:30 a.m.) and/or Kmart (Monday, November 20, departing at 9:30 a.m.). Seating is limited; advance registration is required.

Regular Programs

Check out these regularly scheduled programs at the Center:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 12:30 p.m.),
- Bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Fun Night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- Game Day (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.).



Among the Romulus Red Hat Society members who took part in a "Diamond Jack's" riverboat tour on August 17 were the club's public relations coordinator, Barbara Underwood (left), and Polly Lopez. The group, which meets at the Romulus Senior Center, enjoys planning and participating in special events like its recent fashion show and Halloween party. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Underwood at the Center.

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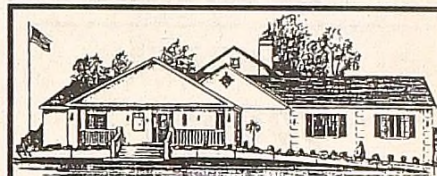
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Obituaries

Howard Dale Colebank

Howard Dale Colebank of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2006, at the age of 68.

The son of the late Emmett George and Hazel Elsie (Weaver) Colebank was born in Marquess, West Virginia, on Friday, July 15, 1938.

Howard grew up in West Virginia, then moved to Belleville, and resided in Sumpter and Van Buren Townships for over 30 years. A machinist who retired from the General Motors Hydramatic plant after many years of loyal service, he enjoyed hunting, gardening, and taking care of his grandchildren.

Surviving Howard are his wife of more than 27 years, Sharon Kay (Adkins) Colebank; 5 children, Jeffery Goff (Belleville), Cynthia (Mark) Lawson (Ypsilanti, MI), Robert (Jessica) Goff (Belleville),

Chad Colebank (Ypsilanti), and Tommy (Michele) Goff (Romulus, MI); 4 grandchildren; and 9 siblings, Sylvia Shahan (WV), Helen (Fred) Diez (Taylor, MI), Donald (Wanda) Colebank (WV), Argle (Sue) Colebank (WV), Kip (Linda) Colebank (WV), Sandra (George) Lyons (WV), James (Linda) Colebank (OH), Dora "Dori" (Terry) Miller (OH), and Gene Colebank (WV).

He was preceded in passing by his parents; a brother, Leon Colebank; and a sister, Mary "Betty" McGuiness.

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 16, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Willard Nance officiating. Interment was at Pratt Cemetery (Newburg, WV). Memorial contributions to the Colebank family would be appreciated.

Irene R. Hubert

Irene R. Hubert of Taylor, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, October 26, 2006, at the age of 81.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Tuesday, December 30, 1924.

Irene loved spending time with her family, and was always participating in school, sports, and Scouting activities with them. She and her husband, William G. Hubert (who passed away on February 15, 1998), enjoyed fishing and hunting at their cabin, and also shared an avid interest in politics. Her former interests included work with the Red Feather Society (now the United Way).

Irene is survived by a daughter, Sharon (Brad) Sinclair (Wayne, MI); 2 sons, David (Marlene) Hubert (Chesapeake, VA) and Norman (Debra) Hubert

(Belleville, MI); a sister, Olga (Alexander) Hildebrand; 13 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild "on the way."

Among those who preceded her in passing were her son, Russell Hubert; her parents, Paul and Anna (Richtarik) Kovach; a brother, Sam Kovach; and 2 sisters, Margaret Koester and Emily Wenzel.

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 30, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with Reverend D. Lee Cullen, Jr., officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Larry Hutchinson

Larry Hutchinson of Pinckney, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, at the age of 60.

Born on December 21, 1945, Larry attended high school in Romulus, Michigan, and earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He worked at the General Motors Hydramatic plant for more than 39 years before retiring in 2004 due to illness.

Larry – who endured a long, heroic battle with cancer – had a twinkle in his eye and a mischievous nature until the very end. He lived a full life, and had no regrets. His family will dearly miss him.

Surviving Larry are his wife of 40 years, Gay (Breeding) Hutchinson; a son, Brian (Julie) Hutchinson, who is stationed in Hawaii while serving in the US Navy; a daughter, Marsha (Casey) Daugherty (Grand Rapids, MI); and 3 grandchildren, Drew Daugherty, McKen-

zie Daugherty, and Janae Hutchinson, who were the joy of Larry's life, and whom he called his "medicine" because they made him feel so much better.

He is also survived by his parents, George and Dorothea Hutchinson (Houghton Lake, MI; formerly of Romulus); 9 siblings, George Hutchinson (Warren, MI), Marilyn (Ron) Williams (AZ), Linda (Arthur) Druyor (Taylor, MI), Dawn (Steve) Wolf (Belleville, MI), Nancy (William) Blair (Wayne, MI), David (Ramona) Hutchinson (Belleville), Cynthia (Charles Jr.) Wiltsie (Taylor), Timothy (Patricia) Hutchinson (New Boston, MI), and April (William) Mullins (Belleville).

A funeral service was held on Monday, October 30, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville). Interment was at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville).

Memorial contributions to the Hutchinson family would be appreciated.

Mark A. Romano

Mark A. Romano of Ortonville, Michigan, passed away on Monday, October 23, 2006, at the age of 47.

The son of Carl and Barbara (Suiter) Romano was born in Garden City, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 14, 1959.

Mark – a former resident of Romulus, Michigan – was employed by Troelsen Excavating Company, and was a member of the Union of Operating Engineers Local #324.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; a

daughter, Tiffany; his father, Carl (Northville, MI); a sister, Celeste (Rob) Roscoe (Romulus); 3 brothers, Dan (Stacy) Romano (Farmington Hills, MI), Steve (Ann) Romano (Livonia, MI), and Tony (Caroline) Romano (Northville, MI); and a grandmother, Dorothy Schiro (Northville).

Burial was at Briley Township Cemetery (Atlanta, MI).

Memorial tributes to any charitable organization would be appreciated. □

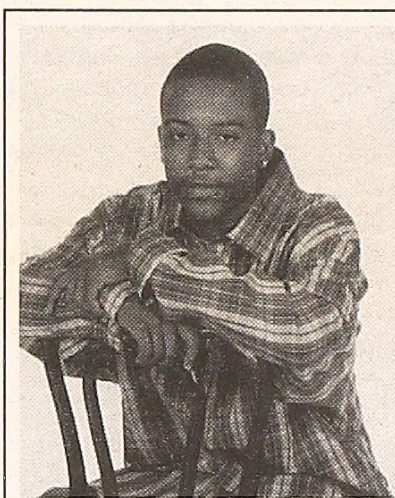
Happy Birthday!

LeRodd Levert Williams

Best wishes and congratulations to LeRodd Levert Williams, who celebrated a birthday on November 1 with his family and friends.

The Romulus High School alumnus (Class of 2006) and Eastern Michigan University student is the son of Rodney and Trenice Williams, and the grandson of Tommie and Beverly Williams and Barbara and (the late) Joe Underwood.

"I am so proud of my grandson," said Grandma Underwood. "I hope and pray that God will continue to bless him, and give him the strength that he needs to continue his four years of college."



LeRodd Levert Williams

The Stork Arrived

Samuel Anthony Perritino III

Samuel Perritino, Jr. and Dawn Carney are proud to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Anthony Perritino III.

Samuel was born in Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (Trenton, MI) at 3:12 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. He weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 19 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into his new family were his paternal grandmother, Geraldine Perritino; maternal grandparents, William and Mary Carney; and proud aunts Angie and Robin Carney (all of Romulus, MI). □



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